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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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Attorney Docket No. 09792909-5031

PATENT

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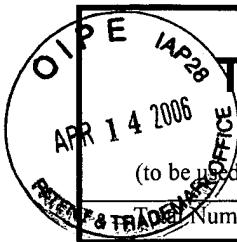
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~~Marina N. Saito~~

**RESPONSE TO JANUARY 11, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, this Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.



# TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	09/852,485
Filing Date	May 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hiroshi Utsunomiya
Group Art Unit	2616
Examiner Name	Vincent F. Boccio
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## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- Transmitted herewith is a Response to January 11, 2006 Final Office Action.
- The fee has been calculated as shown below:

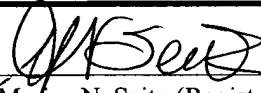
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	-	20	0	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$25.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$50.00	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	-	5	0	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$100.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$200.00	\$0.00
	APPLICATION AMENDED TO CONTAIN ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR.			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$180.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$360.00 ONE TIME	\$0.00
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	\$0.00

- Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ by one month(s) for a fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.
- The amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 is included in the enclosed credit card payment form to charge .
- The enclosed credit card payment form to charge the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the total claim fee and other applicable fees.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Dated: April 10, 2006

  
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